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Attn: Security Group, Licensing Review  
Crystal Park 1, Room 401  
Washington D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is to notify you, on behalf of the head of the agency who caused the secrecy order to be issued on the below identified patent application, that an affirmative determination has been made, on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, that the national interest requires that the following invention continue to be kept secret and that the grant of a patent continue to be withheld:

U.S. patent application serial number: 09/226623

Filed: 21 DEC 1998

Inventor: CHRISTIANE N. DUARTE

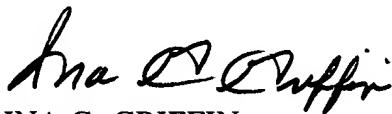
Title: DISPERSE, AGGREGATE AND DISPERSE (DAD) CONTROL ETC.

Prosecuted by: (X) GOVT. ( ) CONTRACTOR ( ) UNKNOWN PARTY

Navy case number: 78693

The current secrecy order expiration date is: 17 NOV 2001. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy recommends that the secrecy order be renewed.

Sincerely,



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By direction of  
Chief of Naval Research